

Are we to infer that furnace fan efficiency will get a separate Energy Star rating? That is our strong recommendation. We are *not* saying there should be separate furnace Energy Star specifications for northern and southern climates. We *are* saying there should be separate Energy Star ratings for heating and cooling, with Energy Star Heating focused on furnace efficiency, as this 2.0 spec appears to do, and Energy Star Cooling focused on fan efficiency at higher air flows.

Separate Energy Star specifications for heating and cooling will retain national standards, one for heating and one for cooling, while allowing people to pick the equipment that suits their own needs and providing additional value for the Energy Star brand. This additional value is very significant, because people in heating dominated climates should be making their investment in efficient furnaces, and people in cooling dominated climates should be making their investments in efficient fan systems. Some people might want both. Separate Energy Star for heating and cooling will give them the proper guidance.

Best regards,

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